

LOUISVILLE METRO BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 7, 2019

Voting Members Present: Dr. Karen Cost, Margaret Handmaker, Heidi Margulis, Dr. Maria Nota, Dr. Dwayne Compton

Advisory Board Members Present: Bill Wagner, Sean Dennis, Dr. Monalisa Tailor, Chief Vincent James

Others Present: Jessica Klein, Connie Mendel, Dr. Ursula Mullins

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

Tabled due to lack of Quorum

New Board Member Appointment

Dr. Tony Zipple has been appointed as a voting member of the Board. Dr. Maria Nota and Dr. Erin Frazier were reappointed.

Vote on FHC Board Members

Tabled due to lack of Quorum

Vote on the KALBOH Membership Renewal

Tabled due to lack of Quorum

LMPHW Director's Report Highlights: Dr. Moyer (full report attached)

- We are now able to hire staff again, however we are finding it difficult to recruit. There were two new hires and one promotion this month.
- The MORE Center got a grant for nearly \$500,000 from KORE (Kentucky Opioid Response Effort) to increase access to treatment. The MORE Center is looking for a new location, and this may help.
- There is a Fiscal Year 19 summary for the environmental division in this month's report. We began charging a fee for plan reviews this year, and it brought in much more money than expected. We performed over 12,000 food inspections. Mosquito control samples are still negative for West Nile. We are working with private partners to control for

mosquitos in areas of the community with more resources. We are focusing our efforts on areas with fewer resources.

- The lead program is getting national attention, and the Health in All Policies grant has been renewed. Staff recently hosted a national webinar and attended a lead conference in Washington DC.
- After the domestic terror attacks in El Paso and Dayton over the weekend, Louisville Metro Government (LMG) reviewed the preparedness plan for mass casualties and terrorist attacks.
- WIC participant numbers are still down, but staff are doing a great job.
- The Center for Health Equity (CHE) had a retreat to kick off the year. One highlight of CHE's work is the Complete Streets ordinance currently before Metro Council.
- Staff morale has been low, and our Social and Cultural Capital Root Cause Team is hosting ice cream socials for staff.
- We are preparing our annual report for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Our Quality Improvement Team is up and running.
- We had a Stop the Bleed training for staff. We could offer this training to local employers. [The Board recommends approaching GLSI, the CEO of Louisville Healthcare and Glen Franklin at U of L.]
- LMPHW has instituted some fee increases, mostly in the Specialty Clinic, where we have separated the fee for the visit and fee for lab tests. This is due to the new fast tracking protocol. CHE has also instituted new fees for their health equity presentations, consultations and workshops. These were instituted to help defray the costs of the many requests which CHE receives, and the costs are lower than those of national partners. We also offer harm reduction training facilitated by our SEP staff.
- The state Health Commissioner, Dr. Jeffrey Howard, has resigned as of August 19th. We will have an interim commissioner possibly until after the November elections.

Complete Streets Presentation: Jessica Klein

Complete Streets is a policy for safety in all modes of transportation. It requires accommodation for pedestrians, cyclists, people who utilize wheelchairs or walkers and people pushing strollers when we create new streets. It was developed with community involvement and includes performance standards. LMPHW worked extensively with Kentucky Youth Advocates and the American Heart Association to develop recommendations. Metro Council will vote on the updated policy this month. CHE's role will be to help public works with performance measures. LMPHW is asking that the Board sign on as a partner and supporter of Complete Streets.

Cost: What are the obligations of a partner?

Klein: To be a partner you only have to say that you or your organization supports the policy. You are also invited to attend the Metro Council Vote and show support.

James: This was a priority for City Health and we received poor marks in this area.

Klein: This is also part of the Move Louisville plan and other city plans.

Cost: The consensus of the Board is that we authorize Jessica to list the BOH as a supporter.

YDS Director Dr. Ursula Mullins

- Metro Council voted to close Louisville's Youth Detention Center and turn our detained youth over to the state. The secure detention census has been averaging about 44, which is down from an average of 60, because juvenile judges are using less restrictive measures when appropriate. YDS was designed for short term stays, and most youth stay for an average of 19 days. However, one third of the youth in detention are being charged as adults, in circuit court, and those kids can stay at YDS for up to 2 years waiting for their case to work its way through the courts.
- YDS has a JCPS alternative school, medical staff, U of L physicians, nurses, dental services, mental health services provided by local professionals.
- YDS is a subcontractor of the KY Department of Juvenile Justice, and the only non-DJJ facility in the state. Fifty percent of justice involved youth in Kentucky are from Louisville, so in the 80's it was decided to keep our kids here. YDS typically gets \$3.2M a year from the state as reimbursement, but as the population goes down, they are getting less money, and LMG general fund dollars are making up the difference. So, on December 31st they will be closing the doors. They are working with DJJ on a transition plan, but the state is having similar budget issues to Louisville, and they did not plan on getting these youth. Youth will be transferred to regional facilities between two and four hours away. Louisville Metro will be responsible for transportation, and right now we aren't sure which law enforcement agency will do it. These kids will need to be transported back and forth for court and medical appointments, and female law enforcement officers will be needed to transport female youth.
- She is deeply concerned about cultural issues with sending our kids to rural parts of the state. The state DJJ's turnover is 100% right now, and state staff have been quitting as they hear that they will be getting our kids.
- YDS is meeting with stakeholders at the Public Defender's office. It is unclear how they will get access to the kids to provide services. Interruptions in legal services present a serious equity issue. This is a critical developmental time when kids need their families and the connectedness of community. Families will have extreme difficulty getting to the kids. Being disconnected all the services of the community makes reentry to the community difficult for the kids.
- YDS staff are already looking for other jobs and YDS can't hire, but they still have to serve these kids to the standards set forth by federal law. They will have to start restricting movement and programs before December 31st comes.

James: Some kids are in three different courts at the same time. Right now they are across the street from court. After December 31st they will be in different counties. The financial cost and the human cost will be great.

Handmaker: Who will do home incarceration services?

Mullins: The state will have to, and they do less home incarceration than we do, which means more kids will be detained instead.

Cost: Can Council vote to reopen this issue and restore funding?

James: That is unlikely.

Compton: And there would be a lack of trust.

Moyer: Can we bring numbers to council and prevent this from going forward?

Mullins: We are working with the Sheriff's office to get data, but Council has already reallocated the money.

Family Health Centers Update and Financial Audit: Bill Wagner

Tabled due to lack of Quorum.

Vaccination Work Group:

No report

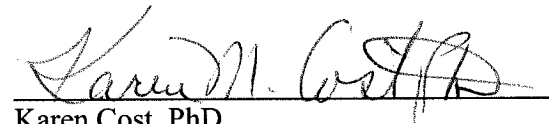
Chair Update: Dr. Cost

The Board is searching for applicants who would add diversity to the board.
Next month we will distribute Orientation Manuals.

The next BOH meeting is September 4th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen M. Cost", written over a horizontal line.

Karen Cost, PhD
Chairperson